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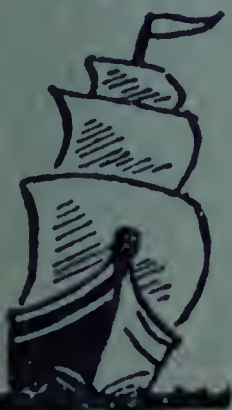
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History
of the
Warmkessel
Family

Warmkessel



P R E F A C E



This account of the first three families of Warmkessels in America has been gathered and arranged by the historian of the Warmkessel family. After many hours of research and travel, I have endeavored to submit a history as accurate and complete as possible.

I cheerfully invite any additions or corrections which may have been overlooked, and certainly hope much benefit may be derived from this collection of facts, which added to our family tree gives us a rather complete record of our clan.

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Warmkessel Hymn

1. O Warmkessel, 'tis of thee,
To call for myrth and glee,
In one grand song.
Let then our clan renew,
The day appointed new,
From hamlet country town
Then let us sing.
2. Let joy and peace prevail,
No foe our rank assail,
While here we meet.
All care we're laid aside
To come with faces bright,
And hearts so gay and light
With love abound.
3. Our uncles, aunts, and all,
We meet here great and small,
The Warmkessels true.
Long lived this happy day,
When we have passed away,
To meet in bright array
In heaven above.

History of the Warmkessel Family

Michael Warmkessel, the ancestor of the Warmkessel family, was one of the pioneer settlers of Macungie Township, Northampton County, which later became Lehigh County. It is recorded in the Pennsylvania Archives, volume 17-series 2, that a Michael Warmkessel imported from Wurtemberg, Germany. He sailed on the ship Judith under Captain James Tait, from Rotterdam, last from Croes, and landed at Philadelphia. Was qualified September 15, 1748. Shortly after landing, he settled near a place which is now known as Trexlertown.

The first warrant of land that was issued to Michael Warmkessel is recorded in the Pennsylvania Archives, 3rd series, volume 26, page 199 and is dated August 25, 1753. That warrant of land called for 50 acres, being warrant No. 68. Sixteen years later, on April 12, 1768, he made application for another tract of land in Macungie township for 34 acres and 103 perches, being application No. 3,207 on which a survey was made April 5, 1773. This tract of land of 34 acres and 103 perches was patented to him on the same date. The survey is recorded in Survey Book "D" volume 13, page 278 and the patent is recorded in patent book "A.A." volume 14, page 89.

There is also in the provincial paper in Harrisburg a statement as to tax for Michael Warmkessel for 30 acres of cultivated land and 70 acres of uncultivated land in addition to stock. It is recorded in volume 41, page 65, his tax amounted to six pounds. which is also recorded in Northampton County

Court House at Easton, Pa. A copy of the original of the ship list, Application, Warrant, Survey, and the Patent (or deed) is in the possession of the historian.

Michael Warmkessel was married to Maria Ursula Haubt. According to Federal Census of the year 1790, the family was blessed with three sons and three daughters, namely:—

Christian, date of birth and baptism unknown, was married to Elizabeth Schot.

Francis, date of birth and baptism unknown, was married to Elisabetha Albright.

Anna Margretta, was born July 26, 1757. Baptized August 28, 1757, and the sponsors were Anna Marie Fegely and Marie Barbara Fritz. She was married to Nicholos Grammes.

Frederick was born December 17, 1759, baptized January 30, 1760, and the sponsors were Frederick Seitz and wife. He was married to Susanna (——).

Cathrine, date of birth and baptism unknown, was married to Johannas Klein.

The name of the other daughter is unknown. The Lehigh Church records state that on August 13, 1769, a daughter of Michael Warmkessel and wife Maria, was buried in the Lehigh Church cemetery, which had died the previous day, being one of twins, age five years less three months. According to records of the Lehigh Church they were all members of the Lutheran faith of this church and are all buried some were on that cemetery. It is impossible to locate the exact spot of this burial plot because from reliable source it has been learned that in the year (1888) improvements were made to the church and cemetery, and all loose and broken tombstones on the cemetery were carted away to an un-

known place. Consequently, there are many graves unknown on that cemetery and these graves must be among the unknown.

After the year 1773, no record can be found of them, nor is there any record as to when they died, but according to a document that was found in the Northampton County court house, he must have died before his wife. There is in the possession of the historian a copy of the inventory and appraisement of Maria Warmkessel, wife of Michael Warmkessel, which reads as follows:

“Northampton County—

The 8th day of November, 1797, before me the subscriber, one of the Justice of the Peace for said county of Northampton, personally appeared Charles Gackenbach and John Kaul, the Williams appraiser, and upon their solemn oath according to law, did declare and say that they did well and truly appraise the goods and chattels of Maria Warmkessel, widow of Michael Warmkessel, deceased, to the best of their skill and judgment.

Witness my hand the day and year above said.

George Breinig.”



“The inventory of the movable goods, chattels, rights and credits of Maria Warmkessel, widow of Michael Warmkessel, late of Macungie Township, Northampton County, (Mason), deceased, set up and prepared by Nicholas Grammes (son - in - law) as administrator, the 13th day of September A. D. 1797.

(Signed) Charles Gackenbach and

John Kaul, Appraisers

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| | I | | |
| Chiefly in cash..... | 0 | 11 | 3 |
| To a bond of Christian Warmkessel..... | 19 | 10 | 0 |
| To a debt of Nicholos Grammes—agreeable to) | | | |
| agreement 75-0-0) | | | |
| Interest thereeon 26-4-1) | | | |
| Paid by ditto 8-18-8) | | | |
| 17-5-5) | 92 | 5 | 5 |
| To all her clothing, the basket and an old looking | | | |
| glass..... | 2 | 1 | 9 |
| To one cow | 4 | 10 | 0 |
| To an iron stove | 5 | 0 | 0 |
| To two beds—to a bedstead and a curtain..... | 7 | 0 | 0 |
| To a table and a chest..... | 1 | 2 | 6 |
| To two iron pots..... | 0 | 7 | 0 |
| To the pantry | 0 | 15 | 0 |
| To two kettles and a tub..... | 1 | 5 | 0 |
| To a pan and a churn..... | 0 | 5 | 3 |
| To three water pails and a watering pot..... | 0 | 3 | 3 |
| To a butter tub and a melting pan..... | 0 | 2 | 0 |
| To three iron spoons, a fork and grassing sickel | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| To a spade, pitch fork, and shovel..... | 0 | 4 | 0 |
| To a grubbing hoe, one other hoe and a hatchet.. | 0 | 3 | 1 |
| To an axe | 0 | 2 | 0 |
| To two yard 4½-lb. pounds wool with a bag.... | 0 | 9 | 0 |
| To a pepper mill, to half bushel, a hymn book.. | 0 | 3 | 0 |
| To a pair wool, carts, and a spinning wheel..... | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| To twelve spoons, pewter plates and a dish..... | 0 | 7 | 0 |
| To a box, a tea pot, 2 bottles, a candle and funnel | 0 | 2 | 3 |
| To a pepper box, 3 tea dishes, a mug and glass.. | 0 | 0 | 9 |
| To a smooth iron. ¾ yd. towel cloth—6¼ tan | | | |
| cloth—10¾ yd. ditto..... | 2 | 3 | 9 |
| To one bag with wheat and one with rye..... | 0 | 12 | 6 |
| To a kneading trough, with some buckwheat... | 0 | 2 | 0 |
| To 5 bags and 3 old casks..... | 0 | 9 | 0 |
| <hr/> | | | |
| Total | 139 | 18 | 9 |
| On bond | 19 | 10 | 0 |
| One year intereest | 1 | 0 | 0 |

Dated the day and year first above written.

Approved and appraised by us

(Signed) Charles Gackenbach

John Kaul

LIFE HISTORY OF FREDERICK WARMKESSEL, SR.

Frederick Warmkessel, son of Michael Warmkessel and Maria Ursula (nee Haupt) Warmkessel, was born December, 1759. Baptized January 30, 1760, and the sponsors were Frederick Seitz and wife. He was confirmed in Zion's Lehigh church on April 3, 1774. He was married to Susanna (———). It is recorded in the Pennsylvania Archives, series 3, volume 19, that he lived in Macungie township and paid a federal tax of four pounds in the year 1785. He was a saddler by trade.

The family was blessed with two sons and two daughters, namely—

Frederick, Jr., born November 17, 1789

Cathrine, date of birth unknown

Anna Maria, born August 18, 1792

Frederick Warmkessel moved from Macungie township to Williams township where he bought a tract of land. According to records in the Northampton County court house, there is a deed entered in the recorder of deeds office on May 6, 1817, of Frederick Warmkessel and wife Sussanna and was put on record by Nicholas Grammes, (brother-in-law). The deed reads as follows:

“The deed of Frederick Warmkessel, Sr., recorded in Easton court house, Northampton County, made the 6th day of May, 1817, between Thomas Sebring of the Borough of Easton in the County of Northampton, Williams Township, in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Timkeeper, and Susanna, his wife, of the first part and Frederick Warmkessel of the same place, a certain piece of ground situated in Williams township, in the county of Northampton, bounded and described as follows:

‘Beginning at a stone on the side of the river Lehigh thence by a lot of ground, now in the Occupancy of Adam Ward, So. 18 degree west 22 perches to a stone, thence So. 72 perches, east one perch to a stake, thence North 15 degrees, west 2 perches, thence by the remainder of said lot. Whereas this is a part North 18 degrees east 20 perches to the river Lehigh aforesaid, thence down the said river at low water mark, east to the place of beginning for the consideration of the sum of \$350.00 lawful money of the United States’.”

According to a will that is recorded in the office of the Registrar of Wills of Northampton County, he died August 6, 1792. No record when she died. The will reads as follows :



WILL OF FREDERICK WARMKESSEL, SR.

“Northampton County.

On the 16th day of January 1793, before me the subscriber personally came Conrad Hein and Peter Rhoads, Esquire, in witness to the within last will and testament of Frederick Warmkessel, deceased, and the said Conrad Hein on his oath, and the said Peter Rhoads on his solemn oath, confirmation according to law did respectively declare, affirm, assay that they were present and did see and hear the said testator sign, seal, publish and declare the same as and for his last will and testament and that all the doing thereof, he the said testator was of sound mind, memory and understanding to the best of their knowledge and belief. And also that they have affirmed and subscribed their names as witness to the same in the presence and at the request of the said testator and in the presence of each other.

In the name of God. Amen.

I, Frederick Warmkessel of Allen township, in the County of Northampton, of the State of Pennsylvania, yoeman; being weak and sick in body but of perfect and sound of mind and memory, blessed be God, do this day make and publish this my last will and testament in manner following, that is to say:

First—I do constitute and appoint my trusty and beloved friends, Theoboli Albright and Nicholas Grammes executors of this my last will and testament, whom I fully empower and authorize to grant, bargain and sell either by public auction or private sale for the best price that can be gotten, all my land and tenement as conveyance to the purchaser or purchasers. Likewise, all my personal estate, and of the proceeds satisfy and pay my funeral expense and just debts. It is my will that the residue or remainder of my estate shall be divided to and among my wife and children. That is to say that one-third thereof is to go to my wife Susanna and the remaining or other two-thirds divided to any among my children, or in case of death of either of the children, the whole two-third is to go to the survivors.

In testimony of the said Frederick Warmkessel, have here unto set my hand and seal the third day of October in the year of our Lord (1792) in the 27th of the American Independence.

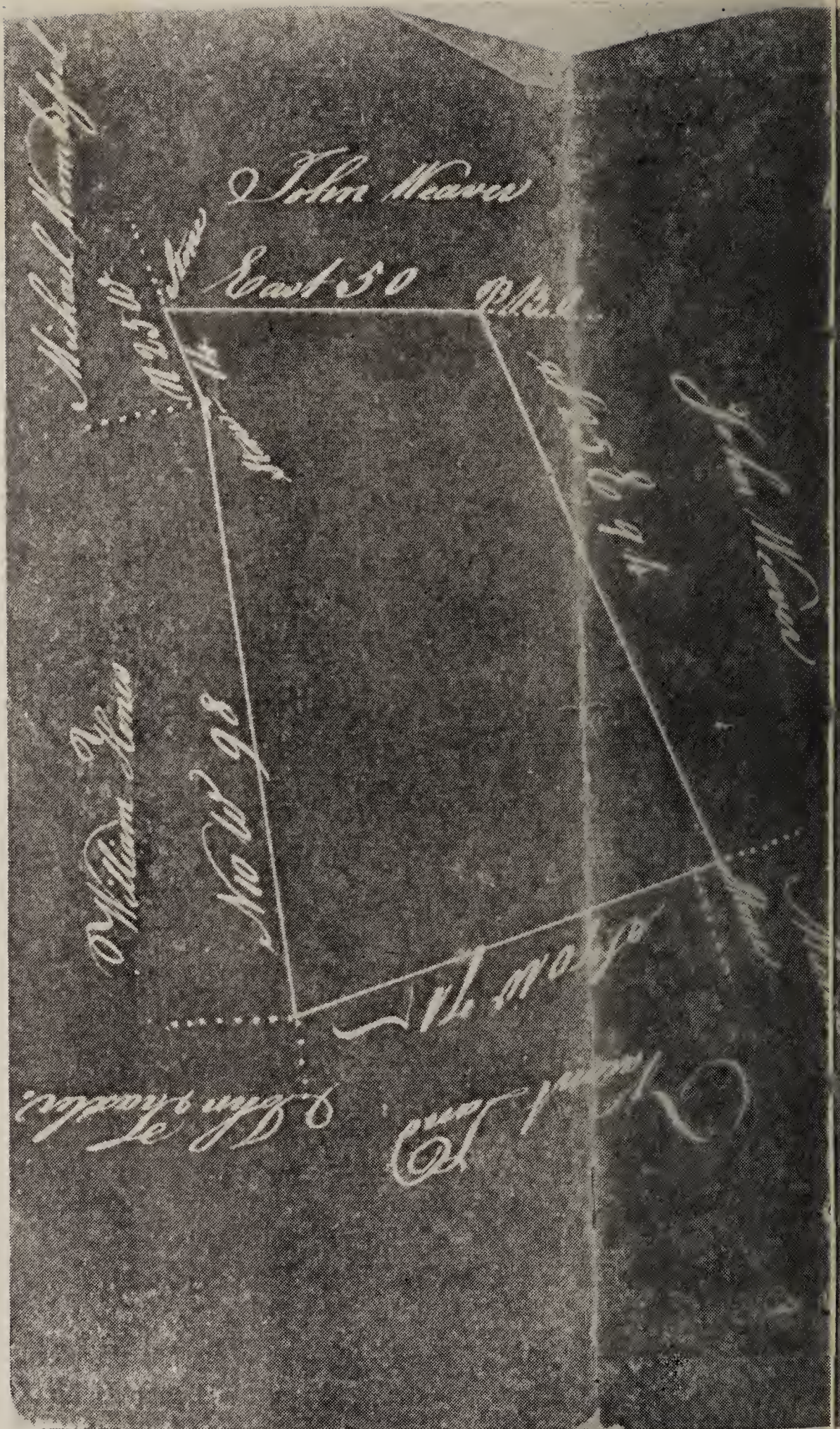
Frederick Warmkessel.

Signed, sealed, delivered and published by the said testator as his last will and testament in the presence of us who at his request have subscribed our names as witnesses in the presence of each other.

Peter Rhoads

Conrad Hein

They were all members of Zion's Lehigh church.



Survey of Land Grant issued to Michael

By virtue of an Application dated the 17th Day
of Sept. 1868 and returned the 5th Day of Oct. 1868
to wit, Michael Warmkessel, the above described
Grant of Land, situated in Macungie Township, North
ampton County, containing 36 acres, & 103 Cocks
with the balance of one Acre.

J. H. Warmkessel

LIFE HISTORY OF FRANCIS WARMKESSEL

Francis Warmkessel, son of Michael Warmkessel and wife Maria Ursula (nee Haupt), was born in Macungie township, date of birth and baptism unknown. He was confirmed in the Lutheran faith in Zion Lehigh church.

On August 5, 1781, he was elected a deacon of that church and installed on September 2, 1781, and served as an officer of that church for many years. It is recorded in the church records that in the year 1784 when the church was rebuilt, he was a member of the consistory and that he signed his name to the attestation of which a copy was placed in the corner stone. The attestation to which he signed his name concluded with the following words:

“Der Herr unser Gott segen zeitlich und ewig alle, die dieser stiftung-getrenlich nach Kommen. Der Herr aber sehe-drein und räche es wo dawider gehandelt wird. Amen! Gottes wort und Luther's Lehr vergeht nur und nimmermehs.” (The Lord our God bless now and forever all our successors who shall remain faithful to the purpose of this undertaking. May he look upon and avenge what ever is done to thwart and oppose it. Amen! God's word and Luther's teaching shall never disappear).

It is recorded in the Pennsylvania Archives, series 3, volume 19, that in the year 1785 he paid a tax of 3 pounds.

He also served as a soldier in the Revolutionary War. It is recorded that on May 14, 1776, he was called to arms, in the second Battalion, Northampton County Malitia, serving as a corporal in the Fifth Company under Captain Peter Trexler. He also served as Captain under Colonel Christian Shouse from September 26 to November 26, 1781.

He was married to Elisabetha Albreght. The family was blessed with two sons and one daughter, namely—

Elisabetha, born June 14, 1780, baptized August 6, 1780, and the sponsors were Johannes Klein and Cathrine Warmkessel.

Johan J., born May 20, 1782, baptized June 9, 1782, and the sponsors were Frederick Warmkessel and Magdalena Biery.

Iranna, born August 15, 1788, baptized October 19, 1788, the sponsors were Johannes Klein and wife Cathrine.

No record when they died.



LIFE HISTORY OF CHRISTIAN WARMKESSEL

Christian Warmkessel, son of Michael Warmkessel and Maria Ursula (nee Haupt) Warmkessel, was born in Macungia township, date of birth and baptism unknown.

He was married to Elizabeth Scot. The family was blessed with one daughter, namely—

Sara, born August 5, 1780, baptized October 1, 1780, sponsors Frederick Warmkessel and Christine Gorr.

No record when they died.



LIFE HISTORY OF ANNA MARGRETTA WARMKESSEL

Anna Margretta, daughter of Michael Warmkessel and wife Maria Ursula, (nee Haupt), was born in Macungie township on July 29, 1757, was

baptized August 28, 1757. The sponsors were Anna Marie Fegely and Maria Fritz.

She was married to Nicholos Grammes, who was the son of John Grammes. He was a very popular young man in the Warmkessel family. He settled all estate matters of the ancestors and also the estate of Frederick Warmkessel.

Northampton County court records show that after settling up the estate of Michael Warmkessel and wife Marie Warmkessel, he and his wife Anna bought the Warmkessel homestead and lived there all their life time. According to Lehigh Church records, they were blessed with two sons and four daughters.

Peter, born August 15, 1782, and baptized September 2, 1782. Sponsors were Simeon Snyder and wife.

Henry, born January 5, 1784, was baptized March 14, 1784. Sponsors were Henry Ludwig and Elizabeth Eigner.

Susanna, born July 22, 1786, was baptized September 24, 1786. Sponsors, Frederick Warmkessel and wife Sussanna.

Elizabeth, born April 1, 1789, was baptized May 2, 1789. Sponsors were Johannas Biery and Elizabeth Henns.

Margretta, born January 15, 1793, baptized March 31, 1793. Sponsors, Michael Hiski and wife Margretta.

Catharine, born September 30, 1795, baptized November 8, 1795. Sponsors, Michael Jacoby and Anna Jacoby, both single. They were both members of Zion Lehigh Church of the Lutheran faith.

No record when they died.

LIFE HISTORY OF
FREDERICK WARMKESSEL, JR.

Frederick Warmkessel, Jr., son of Frederick Warmkessel and wife Sussanna, nee (——) Warmkessel, was born in Macungie township, Northampton County, November 17, 1789, and baptized January, 1790. He was confirmed in Zion Lehigh Church.

He was married to Sara Batt of Williams township. After his marriage, he moved to Longswamp township, to a place which is known as Longsdale, where he took up farming. After living in that township, both became members of St. Paul Lutheran Church of Mertztown, which church they served faithfully according to church records.

The family was blessed with nine sons and one daughter, namely—

Sarah, born March 27, 1827, married Fiet Long

John, born May 12, 1813, married Cathrine (1st wife), Sussanna (2nd wife)

Nathan, born September 4, 1829, married Emeline Steele

Samuel, born July 28, 1818, married Susanna Beaver

William, born October 12, 1822, married Cathrine Reifinger

Henry, married Eliza Hein

Charles

David, born November 9, 1839, married Sara Hoffman

Daniel, born January 30, 1838, married Susan Hein

Benjamin, born September 10, 1820, married Judith Fisher.

Frederick Warmkessel died August 7, 1848, age 58 years, 8 months and 20 days.

Sara Warmkessel, died May 20, 1878, age 86 years and 3 days.

Both are buried in St. Paul's Lutheran Church Cemetery, Mertztown.



LIFE HISTORY OF JOSEPH WARMKESSEL

Joseph Warmkessel, son of Frederick Warmkessel and wife Sussanna, nee (——) Warmkessel, was born in Macungie township, Northampton County, on August 10, 1784, and baptized October 24, 1784. The sponsors were William Sterner and Gertraut Schot. He was confirmed in Zions Lehigh Church on March 17, 1799. In the year 1806, he was married to Magdalena Romig, daughter of John Christian Romig and wife Catharine, nee Siegfried, Romig. Church records show they were both Lutheran members of Zions Lehigh Church up to October 24, 1812, when they took their last communion in that church.

After their marriage, they moved from Macungie township to Longswamp township to a place which is known as Longsdale, where they lived the remainder of their lifetime.

After the year 1813, they both become members of the St. Paul's Lutheran Church of Mertztown, of which they served faithfully according to church records. He was a farmer by trade.

The family was blessed with six sons and two daughters, namely—

Marmaduke, born May 14, 1867, married Elizabeth Neumeyer

Joseph, born October 8, 1811, married Lydia Neumeyer.

Lucy Ann, born August 18, 1819, married Reuben Neumeyer

Sussanna, born August 18, 1823, single, died September 3, 1854. Age 31 years and 15 days. Buried in St. Paul's Cemetery, Mertztown.

Aaron, born February 7, 1809, married Esther Rohrbach, Esther Herbst

Jacob, born January 8, 1814, married Lovina Dankel

Thomas, born September 18, 1821, married Mary Merkel.

James, born August 29, 1826, married Mary Lorish.

Joseph Warmkessel died May 14, 1860, age 75 years, 9 months and 4 days.



LIFE HISTORY OF MAGDALENE WIFE OF JOSEPH WARMKESSEL

Magdalena, nee Romig, Warmkessel, daughter of John Christian Romig and wife Mary Romig, daughter of Leonard Rothermel, was born April 28, 1784, in Macungie township. She came from an old Palatine family. It is recorded that the family descends from an old Roman soldier. Her great-grandfather, John Adam Romig, the immediate ancestor of the Romigs of Lehigh County, was born February 3, 1689, in Rendenstine in Germany. It is recorded in the year 1712 he married Agnes Marguerite Bernhard and resided in Ittlingen. John Adam Romig and his family came to Pennsylvania in the year 1732. He and his eldest son Frederick took the oath of Allegiance September 30, 1732. Shortly after their arrival in Pennsylvania, his wife died.

He married again the following year, June 19, 1733, Maria Ursula Warner. The family was blessed with five sons and four daughters, of which Frederick, the grandfather was one of the sons. He died July 11, 1768, and was buried at Allemengal, Berks County. Frederick Romig, the grandfather of Magdalena, son of John Adam Romig, was born at Ittlengen near Heilbron, April 24, 1713, and on December 25, 1737, he was married to Cathrine Siegfried, daughter of John Siegfried and wife Elizabeth, one of the first settlers of Maxatawny township. She was born November 14, 1719, in Oley township. It is recorded she was baptized in the Moravian faith by the Rev. Philip Uster. Church records show that she took her first communion in the year 1764. Mr. Romig became a member of the Moravian Church of Emaus in the year 1764 and records show that he took his first communion in the year 1766. He was a farmer and lived in Lynn township, for a few years, and then moved to Macungie township. Records show that on March 14, 1742, he patented a tract of land in that district of 250 acres. He died July 6, 1783. She died October 17, 1793. They were buried on a plot of the old Romig homestead. The family was blessed with twelve children, of which John Christian Romig, father of Magdalene was a son and was born in Lynn township, September 5, 1738. On December 13, 1763, she was married to Beniga Wetzel, who was born October 25, 1743, and died April 15, 1766. On February 23, 1768, he married his second wife Mary, daughter of Leonard Rothermel. She was born November 2, 1747, and died—— 18, 1817. Mr. Romig died November 8, 1803. The family was blessed with fourteen children, of which Magdalene

was a daughter, born April 28, 1784, who later married Joseph Warmkessel, son of Frederick Warmkessel. They lived at Longsdale, which is known as the Warmkessel homestead. The family was blessed with six sons and two daughters.

Magdalena Warmkessel died February 24, 1857, age 72 years, 9 months and 26 days.

Both are buried in St. Paul's Lutheran Church Cemetery, Mertztown.



This history completes the first three generations of the Warmkessel Family as far as is known. It dates from 1748 to 1860 and will be continued at a later date.

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